

polymers and their corresponding processes of manufacture.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin the invention of Group II, claim 35, drawn to a process for preparing an olefin polymer containing a functional group at the terminal upon allowance of the invention of Group I. See MPEP 821.04.

Response to Election of Species Requirement (Paragraph 3 of Office Action)

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that this application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The species are as follows:

- (1) An olefin polymer prepared from at least one C₂₋₂₀ olefin;
- (2) A tapered olefin copolymer;
- (3) An olefin copolymer of defined monomer sequence distribution; and
- (4) A block copolymer.

In response, Applicants elect species (1) directed to an olefin polymer prepared from at least one C₂₋₂₀ olefin.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the other species upon an indication of allowable subject matter of the elected species.


The claims readable on the elected species include at least claims 1-38. The Examiner should further note that the working embodiments corresponding to the above election includes Examples 1-9.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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